

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA**

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF) VENTURE COMMUNICATIONS COOPERATIVE) FOR SUSPENSION OR MODIFICATION OF) LOCAL DIALING PARITY RECIPROCAL) COMPENSATION OBLIGATIONS)	ORDER GRANTING INTERVENTION TC06-181
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On October 24, 2006, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received an Application from Venture Communications Cooperative (Venture) for suspension or modification of local dialing parity reciprocal compensation obligations.

On October 26, 2006, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of November 13, 2006, to interested individuals and entities. South Dakota Telecommunications Association (SDTA) filed to intervene on November 6, 2006. Rural Cellular Corporation (RCC) and Alltel Communications, Inc, (Alltel) filed to intervene on November 13, 2006.

At a regularly scheduled meeting of November 14, 2006, the Commission found that SDTA's Petition to Intervene was timely filed and demonstrated good cause to grant intervention. The Commission granted intervention to SDTA. The Petitions to Intervene of RCC and Alltel were deferred. On November 17, 2006, the Commission received Venture's Responses to RCC and Alltel's Petitions to Intervene.

The Commission has jurisdiction in this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapters 1-26 and 49-31 and ARSD 20:10:01:15.05.

At a regularly scheduled meeting of November 20, 2006, the Commission considered the Petitions to Intervene of RCC and Alltel. The Commission granted intervention to RCC and Alltel. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the Petitions to Intervene of RCC and Alltel are hereby granted.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 4th day of December, 2006.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE
The undersigned hereby certifies that this document has been served today upon all parties of record in this docket, as listed on the docket service list, by facsimile or by first class mail, in properly addressed envelopes, with charges prepaid thereon.
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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Dustin M. Johnson
DUSTIN M. JOHNSON, Chairman

Gary Hanson
GARY HANSON, Commissioner